

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, during the past century, millions of Americans have served in the Armed Forces of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by all Americans; and

WHEREAS, Washington State is home to more than 670,000 veterans; and

WHEREAS, the advent of the all-volunteer military has reduced the number of individuals and families with any personal connection to the Armed Forces, resulting in decreased awareness of the importance of the accomplishments of those who have served; and

WHEREAS, all citizens are encouraged to wear red each Friday in November to demonstrate their support; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that the future leaders of our nation understand the history of military action and the contributions and sacrifices of those who serve; and

WHEREAS, Washington State has enacted legislation declaring November of each year as Veterans' History Awareness Month, and designating the week in which Veterans Day occurs as a time to celebrate and commemorate the contributions of our veterans;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim November 2011 as

Veterans' History Awareness Month

in Washington State, and I urge all citizens to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 5th day of October, 2011

Chris Gregoire

Governor Christine O. Gregoire

